

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please cancel Figures 7-9 of the drawings.

REMARKS

The Advisory Action of January 18, 2008 points out the inconsistency between amended claim 1 and retained claims 2-7.

Accordingly, claims 2-7 are canceled herewith, thereby to overcome this inconsistency.

In response to the criticism of Figs. 7-9, these figures are canceled and with them the corresponding text of the specification.

The "angularly and/or laterally" language that appears in claim 1 has thus been canceled. It was redundant in any event, as any offset has to be either angular or lateral.

The indication of allowability of claim 9 is noted with thanks. Accordingly, the limitations of claims 8 and 9 are added to claim 1, thereby placing claim 1 in condition for allowance, and with it the claims that depend therefrom.

As this amendment seeks only to place the application in condition for allowance with an independent claim previously indicated to be allowable, it is not believed to be necessary to discuss the prior art again at this time.


In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Of course, if any point still needs attention, the Examiner has only to call the undersigned, and whatever is needed will be done at once.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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